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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 17, 2005 having a period for response set to expire on May 17, 2005, Applicants hereby submit the following Preliminary Amendment with the accompanying remarks and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the period for response through and including June 17, 2005. Please charge the \$120 fee for the one-month extension, and the \$790 fee for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and any other required fees for filing this response to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendment and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.